

HART STANDS BY HIS SHIP

A Confirmation of the Story Received From Sacramento.

THE MYSTERY AGAIN SEEN AT THE CAPITAL.

It Makes Its Appearance in the Company of the Deceptively Brilliant Venus.

JOKERS MAKE GENEROUS PURCHASES OF FIRE BALLOONS.

More New and Interesting Particulars Regarding the Local Invention Given by the Ex-Attorney-General.

Either the reputed airship is one of the most gigantic hoaxes of the age, or it is one of the most wonderful advances made in mechanical science, and is the solution of the great problem of aerial locomotion which has enlisted the inventive genius of many centuries.

HART CONFIRMS THE STORY FROM SACRAMENTO.

General Hart was as reticent yesterday as on the day previous regarding the identity of the reputed airship's inventor or his whereabouts, but was more definite in his statements as to the identity of the flying machine, whose secrets are now reposing in his breast.



UNCLE SAM---If you will excuse me, gentlemen, I will help Major McKinley first.

ALL SACRAMENTO AGAPE.

Thousands Confident the Airship Mystery Made Another Visit. SACRAMENTO, CAL., Nov. 25.—Again the mysterious aerial visitant made its appearance over this city this evening, and within a few brief moments the entire city was in an uproar of excitement.

astonished. During the past week he has been inclined to laugh at the theory that aerial navigation had been accomplished, and in speaking of the subject after the disappearance of the visitant he said: "I am simply astonished, and will not attempt to give any explanation of this mystery. The light is certainly produced by electricity or magnesia, and can by no possibility be a star or a meteor.

of the mysterious visitant, but the look of incredulity quickly left his face and he said: "This is certainly no star, and I won't attempt to offer any explanation." Professor Dodge of Galt, who is in attendance on the Teachers' Institute, now in session, saw the light and declared that he could distinguish the outlines of a dark body connected with it, but so indistinctly as to be unable to give any idea of its shape.

near as they could judge. He said that he would be back at noon, but he failed to return. Before leaving he packed up all his effects in trunks, which the auctioneer and his assistants moved into a back room there to wait until the owner should return. Those who moved his effects found in his room some refuse copper which furnished food for comment for a long time.

looked out and saw above us what appeared to be a group of four or five lights and above them was outlined something which had the form of a whale. It was moving toward the City. Then it changed its course toward Sausalito, and swerved again toward the City and soon went out of sight."

PRACTICAL JOKERS.

Lighted Balloons Sent Up in Various Parts of the City. Toy balloons were sent soaring upward with hot air for a motor from several places along Market street last night. The wind was brisk, and when once the balloons were above the roofs they traveled along steadily and naturally attracted some attention.

Several persons with apparently an idea of having a little fun at the expense of the public went to the top of Nob Hill last evening about 9:30 o'clock and sent up a hot-air balloon with a Japanese lantern attached to the bottom.

AGAINST FAKERS.

A Vigilance Committee Formed in the Mission District. Public interest in the airship is growing every day and with witless practical jokers people have no patience. The prevalence of small hot-air balloons, carrying dingy lights across the darkened heavens, imposing on the credulity of persons looking for an aerial wanderer, has led to the forming of a vigilance committee.



EX-ATTORNEY-GENERAL W. H. H. HART.

than it had been seen to do in its two former visits, and this would be accounted for in case it be a veritable airship by the fact of the calmness of the atmosphere, there being not a breath of wind moving at the time of its first appearance.

for this may be the advent of the millennium." Then laughing he said: "That thing is too deep for me. I don't understand it. It might be that aerial travel has been accomplished. It seems as strange and improbable as were the inventions of the telephone, phonograph and electric power as applied to streetcars."

DR. BENJAMIN DISAPPEARS

The Friend of the Inventor Changes His Place of Residence.

Dr. E. H. Benjamin, formerly of 633 Ellis street, who is reputed to have considerable knowledge of the airship, has apparently disappeared, and as mysteriously as the light that so many thousands have seen the heavens.

NEW CONVERTS.

Dr. Paulin No Longer a Skeptic on the Airship Proposition.

That each day is witnessing the conversion of many skeptics to the belief that the airship is a verity is shown by the willingness of these doubting individuals to become witnesses to their new faith.